PETITION FOR

LOCATING COUNTY SEAT

We the undersigned citizens of Perry County viewing with regret the failure of the commissioners to perform the duties assigned them by the legislature in locating our seat of Justice, regretting also the injurious effect that such failure is calculated to have on the present as well as future prosperity of our county; and believing there is no method by which such injury may be prevented or its effects rendered harmless but by the immediate interference of the people; being fully with the importance of a speedy location of our said seat of Justice, and well assured that some one or more of our fellow citizens would in the event of such location being made on public land purchase the same from the United States and make the donation required by law.....We therefore placing full and entire confidence in the integrity and capacity of our fellow citizens Thomas Swanwick James_Crain_and Abner Pyle senior_do hereby solicit and request them to meet at the house of George Franklin in said county on the 22d day of October next and thence proceed to examine carefully the tract of county situated between the residence of the said Franklin and the house now occupied by Humphry B. Jones and after maturily considering the advantages and disadvantages of each site it is our request that they recommend to the county commissioners court of this county that that which in their opinion is the most eligivle and best calculated for the permanent seat of Justice for said county, which recommendation and selection they are requested to make out in writing under their hands and seals and deposite the same with the clerk of said court who is required to notify the said county commissioners thereof without delay: And the said county commissioners are hereby requested to meet and hold a special term of

their court as soon as may be after being notified by their clerk as afore said and make an order establishing the seat of Justice for this county on the site so recommended as above stated by the said Thomas Swanwick_James Crain_and Abner Pyle or a majority thereof; and the said county commissioners are further required to appoint three discreet and suitable persons to survey and lay out said site into lots of a convenient and proper size and to offer the same for sale at such time and on such sonditions as the said court may direct and prescribe.

And finally the said county commissioners are requested to petition the legislature on behalf of the county at their next session to pass on an act establishing permanently the seat of Justice for the county of Perry on the particular situation so designeated and laid out as aforesaid.

And we whose names are hereunto subscribed mutually agree to and with each other that when the said seat of Justice shall be selected by the said Thomas Swanwick_James Crain and Abner Pyle or a majority thereof on the gract of county aforesaid and shall be established and laid out by the said county commissioners court in manner and form aforesaid we will use all lawful and honorable means within our powrs in assisting to make it the permanent seat of Justice for the county of Perry _____

H. B. Jones	Wm. H. Thralkel	John Huggins
W. T. Swanwick	Enoch Eaton	Samuel Brown
F. Swanwick	Richard G. Murphey	James Huggins
W. C. Short	Wm. G. Murphey	Samuel Pichford
George Ollen	Jonathan Pettit	Matthew Vann
John Murdock	J. P. Hutchings	Wm. Hutchings

Robt Huggins
George Franklin
Ambros Afosu
James Murphey
Shadrach Lively
John Brown
Jonathan Bowerman
Alexander Hutchings
Levi Greene
Richard Greene
Hugh Brown
Robert B. Murphey
Henry Brown
Ralph Davis
James Brown Senior
Wm Brown

Wm Adair
Benjamin Crain
Joel Crain
Robert Gillehan
Jacob Short
Westley W. Brane
Robert Crow
Benjamin F. Brown
John Brown
Joshua B. Brown
Robert B. Jonson
William Johnsen
Robert McElvain
Thomas T. Williams
Wm. Troop Junr.
Wm. Troop Sen.

James West
Lewis Wells J^{r}
John Campbell
David H. Mead
Giles Wells
Lewis Wells^{S}
Abraham Cokenour
Van S. Teague
Ruben Potter
Johathan Foster
David Rees
Charles C. Glover
Amos Anderson
John Hutchings
Charles Nelson
Ephriam Bilderback
Charles Garner
Wm. Pyle Sen.

Approved by

Thos Swanwick
James Crain
Abner Pyle

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Notice that nowhere is the year date mentioned on this petition ...which was 1827.

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William H. Thralkel, and Richard Greene the direct ancestors of Elizabeth Diane Spurgeon, Jean Anne Spurgeon, and James Willard Spurgeon. Levi Greene and Matthew Vann relatives.

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Property of Elizabeth Spurgeon,
710 Taffee, Pinckneyville, Ill 62274
April 11, 1980.